

Obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to this threat and maintain in force the measures taken to deal with that national emergency.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 19, 2009.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:49 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 896. An Act to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting president pro tempore (Mr. REID).

At 11:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1088. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute.

H.R. 1089. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and reemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1170. An Act to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for special adapted housing.

H.R. 2182. An Act to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted pursuant to such Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Co-Chairman, Mr.

MARKEY of Massachusetts, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. MCINTYRE of North Carolina, Mr. BUTTERFIELD of North Carolina, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania, and Mr. ISSA of California.

At 2:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 627) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1088. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1089. To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and reemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1170. An act to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that today, May 20, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 896. An Act to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1669. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carbofuran; Final Tolerance Revocations" (FRL-8413-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1670. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8412-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1671. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on Joint Officer Management; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1672. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, Army National Guard of the United States, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1673. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1674. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1675. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Production Act Annual Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1676. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting Affiliate Marketing Regulations; Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003" (RIN1557-AD14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1677. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey Reasonable Further Progress Plans, Reasonably Available Control Technology, Reasonably Available Control Measures and Conformity Budgets" (FRL-8905-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1678. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the States of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada" (FRL-8905-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1679. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Aggregation" (FRL-8904-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.